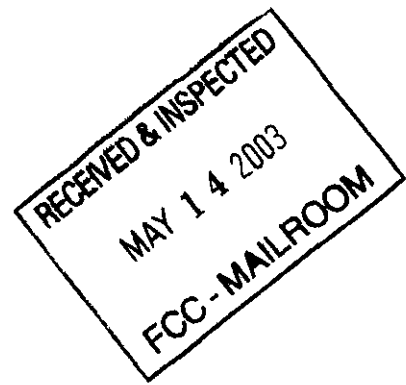


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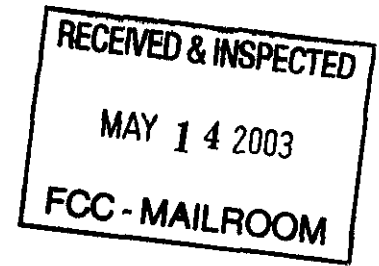
May 7, 2003

Dear Commissioner Powell,

Since the Air Ways belong to the people of the United States & that the FCC is an independent U.S. Government Agency directly responsible to Congress relating to all Communications I feel this Agency is not living up to its trust to keep the peoples' best interests foremost. You have given the mega corporations free rein over all. CNN, FOX, Time Warner, HBO etc. chose what we see, hear & send. They do not own the air waves! They are giving us trash, violence & explicit sex day and night! They have been allowed to buy up all smaller & independent radio & TV stations. Therefore the airways are no longer free. Their power must be curtailed & what they portray regulated. On June 2, 2003 I understand all regulations will be voted on. We need a media blitz so the people can know what is going on now and what will be consolidated for the future.. The last such voting meeting was in the 30s. I can't believe those rules voted on then have been observed till now. You and Congress must do a much better job of oversight. We, The People, want good, fair, & decent communications NOT stuff geared to the lowest common denominator with only the bottom line for the big corporations as the aim. We need really all news so we can know what is going on. We do not want sanitized war reporting or only what these companies want us to hear. There's lots on TV and lots that's that is awful!

Very sincerely,

*Lurana C. Austin*



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Kathleen Q. Abernathy  
Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW  
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Honorable Kathleen Abernathy:

May your wisdom will give you strength to reject those megaforces in the broadcasting industry seeking to have the Commission stifle the minds of the common man by undoing parts of your ownership rules for broadcasting.

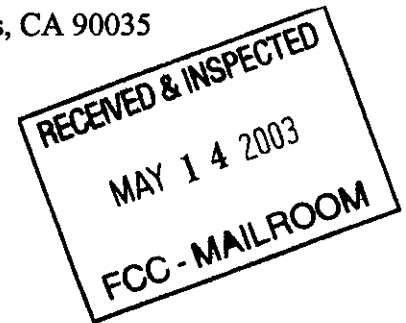
Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cyril E. Sagan".

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RE: Docket No. 02-277 Don't abandon media safeguards!

Dear FCC Commissioners,

I strongly urge that the FCC abandon its plan to end long-standing and critical safeguards that have served as an important "check and balance" system to help ensure diversity of media ownership. Under the proposal you are considering, one company in a community will be able to own the newspaper, several TV and radio stations, the cable system, and the principal Internet access company. There will be fewer owners of networks, stations, and newspapers nationwide. This will very badly damage true media diversity and competition. A competitive and diverse media is absolutely essential to ensure an informed citizenry and a healthy and vibrant democracy.

Eliminating these last remaining protections of the public trust would constitute a complete abandonment of the FCC's mission to ensure that our airwaves, which are owned by all Americans, are used in a manner which ensures the diverse range of voices and opinions needed in a healthy democracy. Loss of these protections would constitute a huge and unacceptable giveaway of public resources and political power to a few large and powerful media companies.

Further consolidation of the media in the false name of "deregulation" must be halted and in fact reversed. TV and radio news in the hands of a handful of profit-driven corporations has undermined our democracy more than any other modern force except the high cost of broadcast commercials during elections. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide crucial unbiased information to the public about most public issues. Americans depend upon the media to bring us information that will allow us to make the informed choices necessary for the well-being of our nation and our future.

As an American concerned about our democracy, I urge you to reject the current proposal to abandon the last remaining controls on media consolidation. Instead, I strongly urge you to break up the media conglomerates, to open the spectrum to a wide diversity of organizations and independent journalists, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine.

Most sincerely,

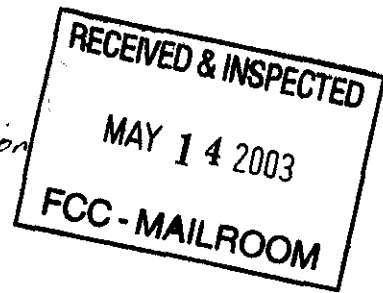
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To: Commissioner Kevin J. Martin  
Federal Communication Commission  
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From: Charlotte Rikardsen  
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Date: May 7, 2003

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Dear Mr. Martin,

Big broadcast conglomerates have too much power now to be given ownership with unlimited power of television. News already is too controlled.

I am deeply concerned about the connection between political contributions and big media consolidation.

Democracy is at stake! Please oppose this proposal.

Would you kindly explain why this important issue has not been made public!

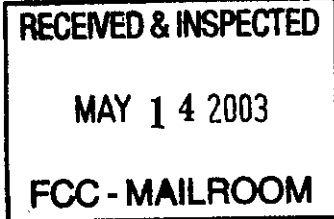
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May 7, 2003

The Honorable Michael J. Copps  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Copps,

I am quite concerned over the proposed change in broadcast ownership rules. I hope you will vote **against** these rule changes that currently protect us from media monopolies.

The national media conglomerates have not proven to be very tolerant of viewpoint diversity. I fail to understand how media control by a handful of conglomerates is good for anyone but them.

I hope that you will continue to support the broadcast ownership rules that have protected us for decades.

Thank you for your representation and consideration of my views.

Best regards,

*Bill Rowell*

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Re: Deregulation of Media Ownership

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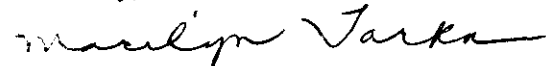
Gentlemen:

I am amazed that you would consider deregulating media ownership. I think that would be a threat to our democracy by giving power to a few people to shape public opinion by what they report or don't report in the media. **I am firmly against it.**

As an example of unfair use of the media, WLS talk radio in Chicago has talk show hosts who tout the policies of President Bush and the Republican party during most of prime time radio 24 hours a day (at least 9/10th of them). Don and Roma, Russ Limbaugh and others talk up and put a great spin on everything the Republicans do, while at the same time laughing at and poking fun at the Democrats. I guess they get away with it because they are supposed to be entertainment and not news, but they are really mean-spirited and nasty and unfortunately do affect public opinion. There are people who never read a newspaper or a magazine and believe the half truths these people spiel all day. In addition, anyone who disagrees with them is labeled a communist or a liberal. Programs such as these are divisive and do nothing to bring the country together.

I believe it would be a big mistake to put ownership of our media in a few hands. Such a move would enable a small group to control the news we receive. We need more diversity, not less.

Sincerely,



Marilyn Tarka

cc: Senator Richard Durbin  
Senator Peter Fitzgerald  
Congressman William Lipinski  
Mr. Zemica Jones, WLS talk Radio

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The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communication Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
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Re: Broadcast ownership rules

Dear Mr. Powell,

Please do not relax ownership rules. By doing so, we would run the risk of creating media monopolies. We need to keep the many diverse independent voices.

Sincerely,  
John Fehrenbacher

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May 7, 2003

The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein  
Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
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Dear Mr. Adelstein;

Please stay alert in protecting our great country against all types of sneaky tactics. I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect our citizens from media monopolies.

This attempt could allow giant media conglomerates to present one side of arguments and could hurt future elections of government officials. The environmental groups already have influenced too many celebrities who voice their opinions to American citizens endangering our national forests with fires. It is discouraging to see so many young people change their opinions just because their idols view things differently.

Those who are lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules have a track record of attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air. These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news.

The American people need to hear more than one point of view on important issues. We deserve the right to make informed decisions.

Sincerely,



Betty L. Stewart

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